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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND KHMER CREDENTIALS

1. ON JULY 26 AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL AT FORMER'S REQUEST. PRINCIPAL REASON FOR VISIT WAS KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE AT NEXT UNGA.

2. AMBASSADOR OPENED CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT GOJ GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ITS OWN POSITION ON CAMBODIA IN VIEW OF LON NOL'S RECENT OFFER OF UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS - WHICH JAPAN WELCOMED - BUT TO WHICH THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF A POSITIVE GRUNK REPLY.

3. HE DECLARED THAT, ACTING UPON INSTRUCTION, HE WAS ASKING FOR THE US POSITION TOWARD CAMBODIA. HE UNDERSTOOD BASIC US POSITION TO BE ONE OF WAIT AND SEE UNTIL GRUNK REALIZES THAT FORCE WILL NOT SUCCEED AND THAT IS BEST TO
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NEGOTIATE. AMBASSADOR STATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE USG HAS

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NO INTENTION OF TRYING, ITSELF TO BRING TWO PARTIES TO-
GETHER TO NEGOTIATE. HE BELIEVED US POLICY BASED ON FACT
THAT LON NOL GOVERNMENT CAN SURVIVE AS LONG AS NECESSARY
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID IS FORTHCOMING.

4. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO GOJ IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN
UNGA WHERE ISSUE WAS BARELY WON LAST YEAR. YASUKAWA
POINTED OUT THAT IF KHMER ISSUE WERE LOST THIS FALL,

JAPANESE POLICY WOULD CERTAINLY BE AFFECTED. HE CLEARLY
INFERRED THAT BREAK IN RELATIONS MIGHT WELL OCCUR, AS HE
COMPARED SITUATION FOLLOWING CHINA VOTE WITH JAPAN'S RECOG-
NITION OF PRC AND BREAK WITH ROC.

5. ACCORDING AMBASSADOR, GOJ WONDERS IF SOMETHING CAN BE
DONE BEFORE ISSUE ARISES AT UNGA. ONE IDEA FAVORS A PRE-
EMPTIVE RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT THE TWO PARTIES BEGIN
DISCUSSIONS. GOJ WANTS TO KNOW IF USG HAS ANY INTENTION
OF APPROACHING PEKING OR MOSCOW TO TRY TO OBTAIN THEIR
HELP IN GETTING THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER. AMBASSADOR
POINTED OUT THAT IN A PEKING CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRC AND
JAPANESE OFFICIALS, FORMER INDICATED THAT WHILE PRC DE-
CLARED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR GRUNK, IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT
BE OPPOSED IF GRUNK WANTED TO GO TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

6. AMBASSADOR ASSUMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION
OF CAMBODIA AT MOSCOW SUMMIT.

7. IN CONCLUSION, JAPANESE STATED THAT TOKYO'S MAIN CON-
CERN IS TO GET SOME SORT OF FOR;ARD MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO
BE ABLE TO PUSH A RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA. TO THIS END,
TOKYO FEELS THAT USG INFLUENCE IN PEKING AND MOSCOW WOULD
BE TELLING AND WOULD MAKE THINGS EASIER.

8. IN REPLY, THE ACTING SECRETARY THANKED THE AMBASSADOR
FOR HIS VIEWS AND STATED THAT US POLICY CONTINUES TO BE
SUPPORT FOR THE GKR IN ITS EFFORTS REACH SOLUTION THROUGH
NEGOTIATION. USG BELIEVES ASEAN AND JAPAN SHOULD TAKE
LEAD, AS BEFORE, ON UNGA ISSUES BUT THAT USG PREPARED SUP-
PORT FULLY. WE HAVE NO NEW IDEAS AT MOMENT AND ARE
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AWAITING WITH INTEREST RESULT DISCUSSIONS ON CAMBODIA AT
RECENT US-JAPAN PLANNING GROUP MEETING. MR. INGERSOLL
CONFIRMED THAT THE US HAD NO PRESENT PLAN TO RAISE THIS
PROBLEM IN PEKING OR MOSCOW AND THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN
RAISED AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT.

9. IT WAS AGREED THAT CLOSE US-JAPANESE CONTACT WOULD
BE MAINTAINED ON THIS PROBLEM. INGERSOLL

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